

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A connecting device (1), said connecting device comprising:

at least one connecting element (15, 26), wherein the at least one connecting element is configured to connect a motor housing (2) indirectly to a transmission housing (3), wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is further configured to be at least partially elastically deformable when the motor housing (2) moves relative to the transmission housing (3) in a rotating fashion around an axis (25) of a motor shaft (6), wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has an axial dimension in a direction of said axis, a radial dimension in a direction perpendicular to said axis, and a width dimension in a predetermined circumference-direction (Y) perpendicular to said axial and said radial dimensions, ~~relative to the rotation direction of the motor shaft (6),~~ wherein said width dimension in said predetermined circumference-direction (Y) is smaller than ~~an~~said axial dimension (X) and ~~a~~said radial dimension (Z) of said at least one connecting element and wherein said connecting device is configured to mechanically connect the motor housing of a motor to the transmission housing of a transmission, in which the motor acts on the transmission (7) via the motor shaft (6).

2. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially rigid in said radial dimension (Z) relative to the axis (25) of the motor shaft (6).

3. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially elastically deformable in the axial dimension (X) relative to the axis (25) of the motor shaft (6).

4. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to connect the motor housing (2) to the transmission housing (3) spaced axially apart from said motor housing.

5. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is U-shaped.

6. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has a first leg (16) and second leg (17) that are connected to each other by a bridge piece (18).

7. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to

connect to the motor housing (2) in a region of an end surface (19) of the first leg (16).

8. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to connect to the transmission housing (3) in the region of an end surface (20) of the second leg (17).

9. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has a recess (30) and in the region of the recess (30), the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially concave.

10. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 9, wherein the recess (30) has an approximately ellipsoidal form.

11. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is at least partially comprised of an elastic plastic.

12. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is at least partially coated with a viscoelastic material.

13. (canceled)